



Welcome to another week of studying the Bible! This week we going to continue to learn about **JONAH**. Last week we studied Chapter 1, and left him in the belly of a fish. Today, we are going to study Chapter 2 and see what happened to Jonah next. Look out for things you have never learnt before about Jonah as you study it for yourself.



First of all, **PRAY** and ask God to *help you understand* as you study the Bible. Ask God to *speak to you and help you know* how He wants you to **apply** His Word to your life. Remember: *That is our goal!*

Dear God.

Praise God that He is _____

Praise God for _____

Thank God for _____

Ask God for _____

Amen.

3 Important Tasks: To help us learn more, we do **3 tasks** and it is good to keep reminding ourselves each week, can you remember what they are or use the pictures and hints to help you.



*What is the boy doing?
He is asking...*



Now we need to mark or circle what?



Last thing we do is 'Make a'



What 6 questions do we ask?

Use the pictures to help you & remember we used our hand to help us learn them.



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What did we learn about Jonah last week?



¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ² He said:
 "In my distress I called to the LORD,
 and he answered me.
 From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
 and you listened to my cry.

1 ASK QUESTIONS: We start with **WHO** and this week again we are marking every time **JONAH** is mentioned.

2 MARK WORDS in the passage: Remember to circle every mention of Jonah **Jonah**

3 MAKE A LIST: What you have learnt about Jonah?

V1: Jonah _____ to the _____ His God

V2: Jonah said: In my _____ I called to the Lord

V2: From deep in the realm of the dead I _____

What does the Lord do in verse 2?

Jonah's prayer in Chapter 2 uses many phrases and figures of speech from the Psalms. This shows that Jonah knew God's Word, and he knew it off by heart, because there was no Bible and no candle in the fish's belly.

THINK: How do you think Jonah must be feeling now, having spent this time in the fish's belly? _____

What do you think He is starting to realise as he is praying to God?

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT WHAT ELSE HE SAYS IN HIS PRAYER!



Read Jonah Chapter 2 verses 3-9

³ ***You hurled me into the depths***, into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;

all your waves and breakers swept over me.

⁴ I said, ***'I have been banished from your sight***, yet ***I will look again toward your holy temple.***

⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in
forever. ***But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit.***

⁷ "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD,
and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

⁸ "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them.

⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.'"

Let's look closely at the lines in ***red bold italics***.

v3: WHO is Jonah saying hurled him into the sea? _____

Yes the sailors threw him physically overboard as we learnt last week but Jonah realised that it was God who did it.

v4: What do you think Jonah means when he says ***'I have been banished from your sight'***? Do you think this means he felt close to God or far from God?

v4: What does Jonah then do, WHO has Jonah remembered in the fish's belly?

v6: Jonah prays, ***But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit.*** Remind me where Jonah is? _____ So what does Jonah mean?

Jonah felt separated from God in the belly, but he then prays like God has already answered His prayer and brought him out, even though he is still there. Jonah could praise God for the answer to prayer before the answer came, because God gave him assurance.

v9: How do you think Jonah is feeling in verse 9 and what is he saying to God? ***Do you think He was sorry? What was Jonah going to do now for God? Who was looking after Jonah the whole time?***



Read Jonah Chapter 2 verse 10 – Last Verse

¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

So 'what/who' does this verse tell us that God had control over?

Do you think the fish decided to swallow Jonah by itself in the first place?



So, What about YOU?

How does the Bible APPLY to me?

What is God saying to you and how can you do it everyday?

Jonah caused a lot of trouble for himself. When you think about it, sometimes we are not much different from Jonah. We aren't going to run away and hide at the bottom of a ship, get thrown overboard and then get swallowed by a huge fish like Jonah did, but sometimes we maybe try to hide from God when we are scared, when we have gone our own way and just don't want to do what God says.

I wonder have you ever done something wrong - like fight with your bother of sister or break something and blame someone else, or not done as you have been told to do - and then tried to cover it up or go hide in your room and hope that your mum or dad wouldn't find out or get cross? If you have ever done that did, you were acting just like Jonah. It doesn't do any good to hide does it? Sooner or later you have to face up to what you did. **You may be able to hide things from your parents and friends, but you definitely can't hide them from God. The Bible says, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight." (Hebrews 4:13.)**

When you are scared about something, instead of running away and hiding, God wants you to come to him and ask him for strength to face up to your fears. And when you do something wrong, instead of trying to forget about it, or hiding from it, God wants you to tell him about it, and to ask him for forgiveness. The Bible tells us that, **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins."** (1 John 1:9.) So instead of trying to hide your sins from God, tell God what you did wrong and he will forgive you. – ***Why don't you try and learn that verse!***

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

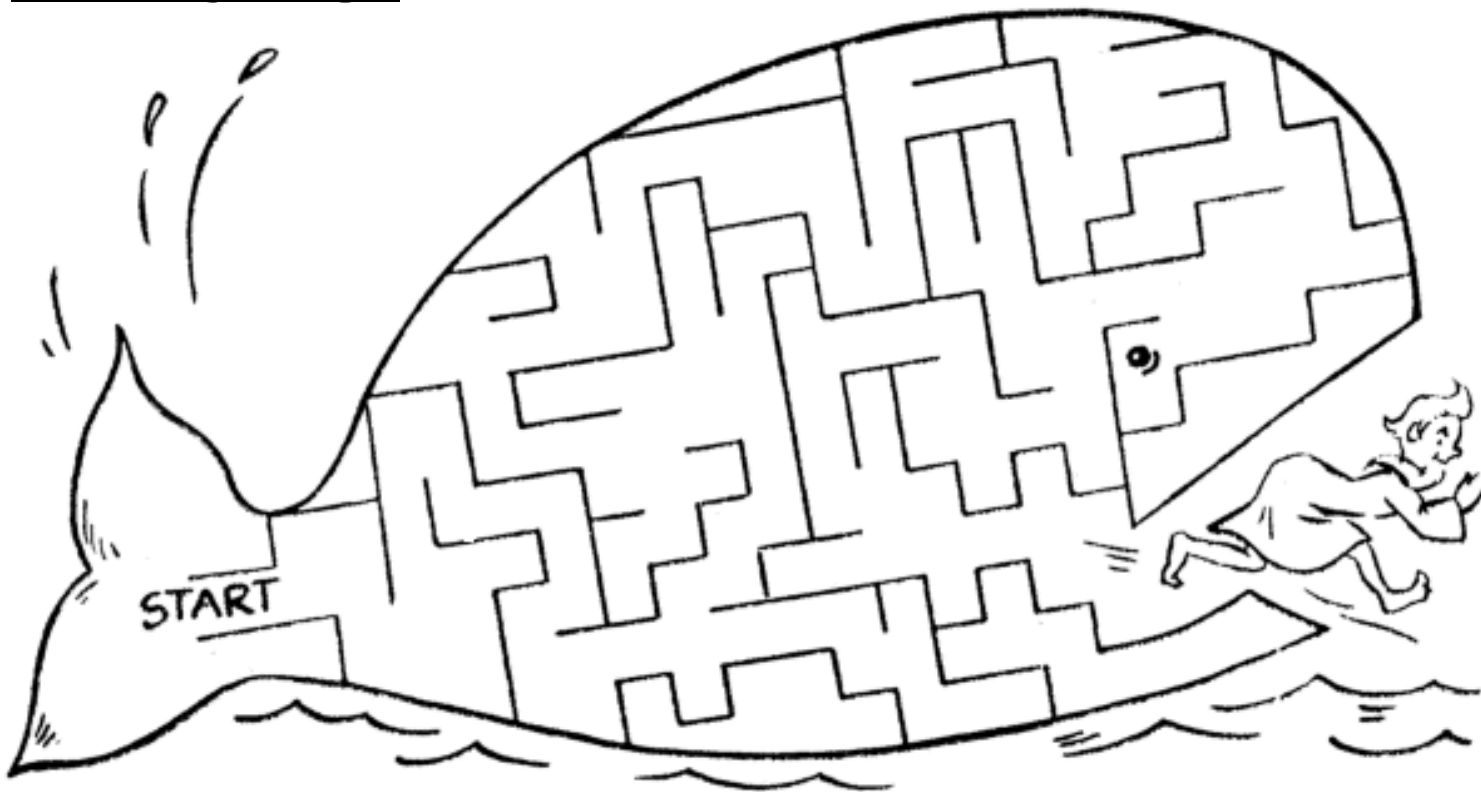
1. Give an example of how you are like Jonah sometimes?

2. Give an example of how you might try to hide from God today?

3. What does God want us to do when we do something wrong?

4. What does God do when we are sorry and ask for forgiveness?

Activity Page - Begin at the **START** and trace Jonah's path out of the fish.



Find the Words!

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- Belly**
- Fast**
- Fish**
- God**
- Jonah**
- Joppa**
- Lord**
- Nineveh**
- Prayed**
- Repent**
- Sea**
- Ship**
- Tarshish**
- Whale**
- Wickedness**